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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Request for National Intelligence Estimate (U)

1. (S/NF) As you are well aware, providing intelligence support for arms control negotiation, verification, and monitoring has been a priority effort for the entire Intelligence Community. One area, however, where additional work needs to be done is in the analysis of Soviet arms control objectives.

2. (S/NF) To date, this effort has tended to focus on Soviet political objectives in arms control and the Soviet assessment of force structure needs as derived from targeting requirements. What is needed is a more comprehensive Intelligence Community assessment of Soviet objectives which goes beyond these areas. Such an effort should include assessment of possible Soviet attempts to affect the correlation of forces in both the conventional and nuclear arenas in the post-agreement environment. For example, the estimate should examine possible Soviet objectives to improve Soviet or limit Western military capabilities by affecting the development of new systems or technologies, or selectively constraining Soviet systems of growing vulnerability or decreasing utility, or selectively protecting Soviet systems important to the future correlation of forces. Such an effort should also include an assessment of possible Soviet objectives to affect stability in the post-agreement environment. For example, the estimate should examine Soviet objectives to affect force structures on both sides so that they would contribute to decreasing the likelihood of the development of crises, of crises escalating to conflict, or of conflict escalating to higher levels of violence.

3. (S/NF) In requesting the National Intelligence Council to undertake the sponsorship of such an interagency effort, I recognize this adds to the already heavy national estimates production workload. Because of the importance of the subject, however, I believe the estimate proposed here should be undertaken on a priority basis and completed as soon as possible, as a SNIE or an SIIM. This Agency, of course, stands ready to support the NIC in drafting and developing the estimate.

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